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¶11. (SBU) The Government of Madagascar (GOM) is prepared to pledge up to 800 troops for African Union Peace Keeping Operations (PKO) in Somalia. Major General Claude, head of the Gendarme, informed DATT that he has 100 troops ready for immediate deployment.

¶12. (SBU) General Mampianina, head of the Army, says he has 600 to 700 troops in training for PKO. The General feels these troops will need another nine to twelve months of training before they are prepared for international duties.

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